Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 03 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 04 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 02 Apr 2021 at 12:02 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for another fine day then turning unsettled and much colder with some snow showers.

Headline for Saturday 03 Apr 2021: Dry and sunny, perhaps patchy cloud in far northeast at first.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 03 Apr 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

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Weather: A clear night with a frost in the glens and the odd mist patch, perhaps some patchy cloud spreading to the Lecht for a time later in the night. This clearing in the morning then a dry sunny day with little or no cloud for most.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95% or more

Visibility: Excellent.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/23 N	19/23 N	19/23 NW	17/22 NW	15/21 NW	11/16 NW	11/15 W	16/20 W	19/25 W
900	9/12 NE	10/13 NW	10/13 N	8/13 W	7/12 NW	6/10 NW	8/11 W	12/17 SW	15/21 SW
600	4/7 N	4/7 W	5/8 SW	5/9 NW	5/9 NW	4/8 W	4/8 W	9/14 SW	9/16 SW
300	2/3 NW	2/4 S	3/5 SW	3/7 SW	4/8 W	3/9 NW	3/6 NW	6/14 W	6/16 SW
Glen	3/6 NW	2/7 W	2/6 W	4/9 SW	4/10 W	5/11 NW	3/8 W	5/12 SW	5/15 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-11	-0/-6	2/-3	3/-1	2/-1	1/-4	0/-5
900	-1/-5	-1/-6	-1/-6	1/-2	5/2	7/5	6/4	4/-0	3/-2
600	1/-1	0/-2	0/-2	3/1	7/5	9/8	9/8	6/3	5/1
300	1/-1	-0/-2	-0/-2	4/3	9/8	11/11	9/9	5/3	3/0
Glen	2/0	1/-1	-0/-2	5/4	10/9	13/12	10/9	6/4	4/2
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	600m	700m	1000m	1200m	1200m	1100m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing extra

Forecast for Sunday 04 Apr 2021
Weather: Starting sunny but cloud spreading from the west in the morning. Some mainly light rain, with snow above 1000m, will develop later in the morning, with the odd short heavier burst mid to late afternoon bringing the snow level down to 600m. It will then briefly brighten up to sunshine but become much colder, then some heavy snow showers will develop in the evening, even down to low levels.

Maximum wind: WSW 40 gusts 55mph at first becoming westerly 65 gusts 90mph in the afternoon veering northwest in the evening decreasing 50 gusts 75mph. These speeds typical of the Cairngorm Plateau with more isolated peaks seeing lower windspeeds.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% at first falling to 20% in west and 40% in east.

Visibility: Good at first. Moderate, occasionally poor in rain and snow. Very poor in heavier snow showers in the evening but good away from these. Cloud bases: Little at first, becoming extensive at 600-900m the lower bases in west. Broken by late afternoon with occasional cloud to 450-600m in showers and some more persistent patches on higher tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around zero at midnight lifting to Plus 3 by morning, peaking at 8 in the rain then falling to around zero again in the evening.
At 800m: Plus 1, rising Plus 3 during the morning, falling to Minus 1 mid afternoon then Minus 5 in the evening.
Freezing level: 900m rising 1200m during the morning, falling 700m by mid afternoon then falling to all levels by dusk.

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